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### **Case Management Services Provided To Children in Out-Of-Home Placement**

The Division of Children and Families is responsible for administering Wisconsin's foster care program (Title IV-E of the Social Security Act). The Department receives federal foster care administrative funds for services to children in out-of-home placement (foster care) if they meet the Title IV-E eligibility requirements. The Department does not receive federal foster care payments for those children in foster care who do not meet the eligibility criteria for federal Title IV-E.

County child welfare agencies and the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (in Milwaukee County) are responsible for determining if the child who is entering or is placed in foster care, meets the Title IV-E eligibility criteria.

### **Case Management Services Provided To Title IV-E Eligible Children**

Effective June 1, 2002, Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse providers for case management services provided to only those children in foster care who are determined to be eligible for Title IV-E administrative funds. Medicaid-covered case management services provided to these children are limited to activities that relate to the assessment, care planning, and monitoring of medical care needs.

Medical care needs include all services allowable under Medicaid (Title XIX of the Social Security Act). Medicaid cannot cover case management activities that relate directly to the provision of foster care benefits and services. For example, Medicaid may cover case management activities related to finding a mental health provider, scheduling an appointment and arranging for transportation to the appointment. However, case management activities related to making child placement arrangements or arranging for transportation to a new foster home would not be covered because they relate directly to the administration of the foster care program. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), formerly HCFA, provided this clarification.

Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse the state Division of Children and Families for case management services provided to children in foster care who are determined to be ineligible for federal foster care payments. The clarification from CMS does not affect this population.

Please see the chart below.

<b>Title IV-E Eligibility Status</b>	<b>Provider Reimbursed for Case Management Services</b>	<b>Covered Case Management Activities</b>
Children Eligible for Title IV-E	Medicaid-certified case management provider.	Activities related to assisting the Medicaid-eligible recipient in accessing medical (including dental and mental health) services.
Children not Eligible for Title IV-E	The state Division of Children and Family Services.	Activities related to assisting Medicaid-eligible recipients in gaining access to medical, social, educational, vocational, and other necessary services.

Please refer to Medicaid Update 96-14 for additional information related to case management services provided to children who are Title IV-E eligible.